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Charles P. Fasano, D.O.
Chairman, Osteopathic Board of Medicine
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Dear Dr. Fasano:

My name is Meghan Tait and I am a physician assistant student. I am writing in regards to the proposed regulations for delegated prescriptive authority for physician assistants under the supervision of osteopathic physicians. I am in support of these proposed prescribing regulations, and I would like to see them worded exactly the same as the allopathic regulations to help avoid any confusion in clinical practice.

Physician assistants have been safely prescribing under the supervision of allopathic physicians for years, and I feel that osteopathic physicians should be given the same ability to delegate prescriptive authority to their PA's. Physician assistant's work with physician supervision to ensure patient safety, and if these regulations are not put into act, I may decide not to work under an osteopathic physician, which would ultimately decrease a patient's access to care. If the regulations are enacted, I would gladly work under the supervision of an osteopathic physician, and this would help decrease waiting time, increase appointment availability, and allow the physician to focus on more complicated cases. Also, health care facilities may be more likely to hire osteopathic physicians if they are able to supervise physician assistants with *delegated* prescriptive authority.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Meghan Tait

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Cc: Basil L. Merenda and Governor Edward G. Rendell